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SENATE BILL

No. 404

Introduced by Senator Migden

(Coauthor: Senator Cox)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members DeVore and Jones)

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~~An act to amend Section 44320.2 of, and to add and repeal Section 44259.6 of, the Education Code, relating to teacher credentialing. An act to add and repeal Section 44259.8 of the Education Code, relating to teacher credentialing.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 404, as amended, Migden. Teachers: ~~midcareer~~ *California Preliminary (CAP)* credential.

~~(1) Existing~~

Existing law authorizes the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue an eminence credential to any person who has achieved eminence in a field of endeavor taught or service practiced in the public schools of California. This credential authorizes teaching or the performance of services in the public schools in the subject, subject area, or service, and at the level or levels, approved by the commission as designated on the credential.

This bill would require the commission, ~~upon the recommendation of the governing board of a school district, to issue a 2-year subject~~

~~matter certificate to an individual whose knowledge and expertise in a subject area are demonstrated and verified by possession of a baccalaureate degree, basic skills proficiency, subject matter competence, and experience. The subject matter certificate would authorize the holder to be employed by the recommending school district as a midcareer teacher, as specified. The governing board of the school district electing to recommend a person for a subject matter certificate would be required to enroll candidates in a preservice training program that is aligned with the California Standards for the Teaching Profession and would require the candidate to complete the preservice training program before providing classroom instruction. The recommending governing board would also be required to develop and implement a professional development plan for the candidate and to administer the teacher performance assessment. Upon the recommendation of the governing board of a school district, the holder of a subject matter certificate who fulfills certain requirements and renders 2 years of teaching service would be issued a professional single subject teaching credential. The bill would require the commission to report to the Legislature by February 1, 2007, and annually thereafter, on the number of certificates issued in each subject, the retention rates of teachers receiving a subject matter certificate, the extent to which individualized development plans are aligned to the standards and teaching performance expectations adopted by the commission, and recommendations for improvement of this program until January 1, 2011, upon the recommendation of the governing board of a school district, to issue a California Preliminary (CAP) credential to any person who displays knowledge and expertise in a subject area as demonstrated by the qualifications of possession of a postbaccalaureate or graduate degree in one of a number of specified subjects, 5 or more full-time equivalent years of practice in the field for which the postbaccalaureate or graduate degree was awarded, and basic skills proficiency. The bill would make the credential a preliminary single subject teaching credential and would authorize teaching in the subject or subject area, or the performance of services, approved by the commission and designated on the credential. The bill would require the governing board of the school district electing to recommend a person for a CAP credential to enroll candidates for the CAP credential in a preservice training program that is aligned with the California Standards for the Teaching Profession and to develop an individual program of~~

professional preparation consisting of no less than 150 hours of study for each candidate to pursue professional development. The bill would require each recipient of the CAP credential to complete the preservice training program before providing classroom instruction. The bill would authorize the credential to be issued initially for a 2-year period upon completion of certain requirements and could be renewed for an additional 2-year period upon completion of certain requirements, after which the holder would be eligible for a professional clear teaching credential.

The bill would require the commission to report to the Legislature by February 1, 2010, on the number of credentials issued in each subject, the retention rates of candidates who receive a CAP credential, and recommendations for improvement to the program.

~~(2) Existing law requires that each candidate for a preliminary multiple or single subject teaching credential be assessed during the normal term or duration of the professional preparation program of the candidate.~~

~~This bill would authorize the teaching performance assessment to be administered at any time during the program of professional preparation.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 44259.8 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:

3 44259.8. (a) Upon the recommendation of the governing
4 board of a school district, the commission shall issue a
5 California Preliminary (CAP) credential to any person who
6 displays knowledge and expertise in a subject area as
7 demonstrated by all of the following qualifications:

8 (1) Possession of a postbaccalaureate or graduate degree in a
9 subject specified in Section 44257 from a regionally accredited
10 institution of higher education.

11 (2) Five or more full-time equivalent years of practice in the
12 field for which the postbaccalaureate or graduate degree was
13 awarded.

14 (3) Basic skills proficiency as measured by the test adopted
15 pursuant to Section 44252.

(b) The CAP credential is a preliminary single subject teaching credential. The CAP credential shall authorize teaching in the subject or subject area, or the performance of services, approved by the commission and designated on the credential. The commission shall also approve and designate on the credential the grade level or levels for which the teaching or service authorization is valid.

(c) The governing board of a school district electing to recommend a person for the CAP credential shall do all of the following:

(1) Enroll candidates for the CAP credential in a preservice training program for a minimum of 40 hours of pedagogical training that is aligned with the California Standards for the Teaching Profession. A candidate for the CAP credential shall complete this training before providing classroom instruction. The preservice training program shall include the following:

(A) Preparation in classroom management and organization.

(B) Grade-level curriculum content and instructional models and strategies.

(C) Pupil assessment practices.

(D) Literacy development in the subject to be authorized on the credential.

(E) Equity, access, and diversity training.

(F) Appropriate instructional strategies for English language learners and pupils with special needs.

(2) Develop an individual program of professional preparation consisting of not less than 150 hours of study for each candidate to pursue professional development in the areas specified in subparagraphs (A) to (F), inclusive, of paragraph (1) and designed to assist the candidate in passing the assessment specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e).

(3) Require each recipient of the CAP credential to complete the preservice training program specified in paragraph (1) and the preparation program specified in paragraph (2).

(d) Each CAP credential shall be issued initially and renewed for the following periods of time pending completion of the requirements of this section:

(1) The CAP credential shall be valid for two years to allow for completion of the requirements of subdivision (e).

1 (2) Upon the completion of the requirements of subdivision
2 (e), the CAP credential shall, upon application, be renewed for
3 two additional years to allow for completion of the requirements
4 of subdivision (f).

5 (3) Upon completion of the two-year renewal period and
6 completion of the requirements of subdivision (f), the holder of a
7 CAP credential shall be eligible, upon application, for a
8 professional clear teaching credential.

9 (e) Holders of a CAP credential shall meet the following
10 requirements prior to receiving a two-year renewal of the CAP
11 credential:

12 (1) Completion of the individual program of professional
13 preparation offered pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (c).

14 (2) Demonstration of basic pedagogical skills by passing the
15 teacher performance assessment that is adopted by the
16 commission pursuant to Section 44320.2.

17 (f) Holders of a renewed CAP credential shall meet the
18 following additional requirements prior to obtaining a
19 professional clear credential:

20 (1) Participation in a two-year induction program, as
21 specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 44259 or
22 Section 44279.1, that is designed to extend the teacher's prior
23 preparation and help the teacher prepare for the assessment
24 requirement of paragraph (2).

25 (2) Demonstration of teaching competence by passing an
26 assessment of the depth and breadth of the teacher's pedagogical
27 knowledge, skills, and abilities that shall be adopted for this
28 purpose by the commission.

29 (3) Establishment of subject matter competence pursuant to
30 paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of Section 44259.

31 (g) The commission may not accept new applications for the
32 CAP credential after January 1, 2011.

33 (h) The commission shall report to the Legislature by
34 February 1, 2010 on the following:

35 (1) The number of CAP credentials issued in each subject
36 specified in Section 44257.

37 (2) The retention rates of candidates who receive a CAP
38 credential.

39 (3) Recommendations for improvements to the CAP credential
40 program.

1 *(i) This section shall remain in effect until January 1, 2011,*
2 *and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,*
3 *that is enacted before January 1, 2011, deletes or extends that*
4 *date.*

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7 **All matter omitted in this version of the bill**
8 **appears in the bill as amended in Senate,**
9 **May 18, 2005 (JR11)**
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